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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE NOT VITAL TO OUR INTERESTS IN CASE. OUR PRIMARY THOUGHT HAD BEEN THAT SUCH A COMMITTEE MIGHT MORE EFFECTIVELY KEEP PRESSURE ON AUTHORITIES IN ASMARA. WE DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR CONGEN, GOVGEN'S OFFICE, SECURITY ELEMENTS AND BURCHAE L TO MAINTAIN CONTINUING CLOSE COORDINATION. AS SUPPLEMENT TO BURCHAE L L'S EFFORTS, WE BELIEVE GREATER EFFORT BY GOVGEN'S OFFICE MAY BE NECESSARY TO EFFECT RELEASE OF HOSTAGES.

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2. DOD DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH KAGNEW PHYSICIAN TO
ACCOMPANY BURCHAELL TO ELF MEETING WHETHER IN SUDAN OR
ETHIOPIA. PRESENCE OF U.S. MILITARY OFFICER COULD BE
MISINTERPRETED BY ELF BAND. MOREOVER, IT PRESENTS ELF
WITH POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL HOSTAGE WHO IS U.S. OFFICIAL.
DOD WILLING FOR KAGNEW HOSPITAL
TO RECEIVE AND EXAMINE TENNECO FIVE AFTER THEIR RE EASOST-
IN VIEW CRITICAL NATURE OF SITUATION AND POSSIBILITY HOST-
AGES MAY NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION AT TIME OF RELEASE, EMBASSY
SHOULD CONSIDER ON URGENT BASIS POSSIBILITY OF SENDING RE-
GIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER TO RELEASE POINT. KISSINGER

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